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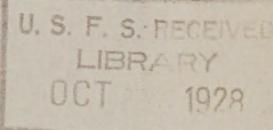


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SHEEP CLEAN UP  
LUMBER YARD



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"The man with the hoe" may weary and finally cease his listless chopping at weeds to slumber in some secluded corner, but the clean-up crew shown here never finds the weed reducing job distasteful. They make no demands on the pay-roll and their mutton and wool will eventually pay handsomely for their "keep".

Weeds about the bases of lumber piles retard the free air circulation which is needed to hasten seasoning and prevent sap stain and decay. When dry, weeds add to the yard's fire hazard.

The plan of pasturing a band of sheep in the lumber yard to keep the weeds down is not entirely new but it is not a common one. The sheep seem to relish the hardiest of the weeds commonly found in lumber yards and their sharp hoofs also cut up the soil and discourage heavy sodding with grass and weeds.

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